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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 08/599,226  
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 Inventors: Jochen G. Salfeld et al.  
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Our Reference: BBI-043

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Dear Sir:

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Agent for ApplicantsRESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action (Paper No.15) dated April 2, 1997, setting forth a restriction requirement.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-23 and 44-46 (drawn to antibodies which specifically bind to human TNF $\alpha$  and pharmaceutical compositions containing such antibodies, classified in Class 530, subclass 388.23 and Class 514, subclass 8).
- II. Claims 24-43 (drawn to DNA encoding antibodies, vectors, transformed host cells, and methods of making, classified in Class 435, subclasses 69.1, 91, 252.3, and 320 and Class 536, subclass 23.53).
- III. Claims 47-64 (drawn to a method of treating diseases associated with human TNF $\alpha$ , classified in Class 424, subclass 130.1).

Applicants hereby elect the Group I invention (claims 1-23 and 44-46) for prosecution, without traverse.

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Agent would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' Agent at (617) 227-7400.

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